

MEMO

DATE: April 24, 2006

TO: Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

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SUBJECT: Regional Council Retreat

SUMMARY:

The Regional Comprehensive Plan will be featured as part of the program for the upcoming Regional Council Retreat on June 1, 2006. Staff is seeking input and discussion in preparation for this item.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, in the month following the General Assembly, the Regional Council holds a retreat hosted by the incoming President. The purpose of the retreat is to engage in depth discussion on upcoming regional efforts and priorities. At this year's retreat, the Regional Comprehensive Plan is anticipated to be the topic for a 2-hour session.

The staff has considered various options for the retreat session. The discussion could focus on one or more of the following issues.

- Overall purpose and approach for the RCP
- Regional challenges focusing on environmental issues (e.g. Energy, Water, Open Space)
- Regional planning coordination focused on growth and transportation
- One or two of the potentially ambitious performance outcomes discussed by the Task Force, including Vehicle Miles Traveled per Household reduction, fossil fuel consumption reduction, or land use efficiency measure.

Staff has identified the following potential resources for the retreat:

- "Collapse" exhibit video – A video developed by the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History features a broad discussion on many of the issues included in the plan. This video will be shown at the April 24 RCP Task Force meeting.
- Newly engaged consultants – By June, staff anticipates having consultants under contract for the Open Space Chapter and for the Public Finance special section. These consultants may be available to review their projects or lead discussion.
- RCP Task Force – Staff encourages the members of the Task Force to take a lead role in presenting issues for Regional Council's discussion and consideration.